AN UNEXPECTED MEETING.

A Prince-Charming Romance of Business Girl life in Gotham.

By Albert Payson Terhune.

The Third Story of the Prize Series. No. 1-The Girl in Black. No. 2-The Girl in Red. No. 3-The Girl in Blue.

Hida Glichrist, stenographer in a law firm, is loved by Hyde Clayton, junior member of the firm, and by Jack Bruce, one of the clerks. Clayton believes that Hida's uncle, whose sole heiress she is, left a large fortune. This estate cannot be found, although Hida has a cipher that she believes may be a clue to its whereabouts. Bruce volunteers to help her solve the cipher. Muriel Stange, to whom Clayton is engaged, overhears Clayton's proposal to Hilda. She confronts him and, by reminding him of her knowledge of certain thefts he has committed, cowes him into renewing his promise to marry her. Bruce hits on a clue to the cipher.

CHAPTER III.

Plot, and Counterplot. OR ten minutes Jack Bruce worked

darkened momentarily the sunny look as he thought, "If she is rich, that puts might be useful to me." her forever out of my reach. I, a poor olerk, with no sure future, could never dare to ask a woman of wealth to share my lot. There will be enough fortunehunters after her money without my

Then, with an impatient shake of the sad, he fought back his selfish longings and resolved to think of nothing the happiness and welfare of the girl to whom he might be about to re-

he bent again to his task. "Hari services." to shandon the quest for her hand just

private office nervously pacing to and fro. He rang his bell impatiently. "Send Raynor here," he ordered as

an office boy appeared. A moment later a lean, man with sandy hair and shifty, redrimmed eyes shambled in.
"Shut the door," said Clayton, "T

Without ceasing his rapid walk u

want to talk to you.

and down the narrow room, he said:
"You and I have been engaged in some rather queer transactions in our eagerly on the cipher, striking an occasional letter on the typewriter appear if they're ever found in the did so. At learning the did so, At learning the did so. time, Ezra. And I've been lucky enough he did so. At length he compared I first ran across you down at Islip, the results with the original cipher, and where you were on trial for housebreak a smile of genuine delight crossed his ing, you seemed to me just the account. ing, you seemed to me just the sor of man I needed for my purpose. I got "It may mean a fortune to her!" he you acquisted but I got proof later of maid to himself, joyously. But a cloud thefts that would still send you to Sing Sing. I got you a job here because you

"Well," growled Raynor, "I have been useful, ain't I? No one can say I haven't made good. What's the use of going over all that old story again?" "Just to refresh your memory, Ezra

"Because you've got some more dirty ork for me, eh? Well, what is it?" "Ezra, my friend," said Clayton, paus ing in his stride and looking coldly into the shifty eyes, "I don't like your tone store the fortune that was rightfully you forget your place. Don't force me to don't presume too much on your past

"Oh, I meant no offense," replied when I seem to be winning her liking Raynor in a less gruff tone. "But it and confidence. And oh, how dreary ain't any fun to have old scores raked old office will be when she is up all the time. What can I do for

Whirled About to Face Him.

may remember I told you about that old fool, Abel March, who gave me my start

in life, and about the cipher he left. Well, I want to get hold of that cipher.

I've a notion you and I together might make something out of it."
"Why don't you ask the Gilchrist girl

"I did, but she wouldn't give it to me. She said I'd spoken disrespectfully of

her. Now I saw her looking at that

letter to-day, so I know she's got it here at the office. Probably keeps it in her

"That all? It isn't such a great stunt after all the time you took to lead up to ft.

thing more. Ezra, single life isn't pleas-

"Oh, yes, I think so, Ezra. How would you like to get married?"

"Married? Me?" gasped Raynor in scornful amazement.
"To a charming girl. I'd give you a wedding present of \$1.000."
"Who's the 'charming girl?"
"Muriel Stange, And"—

desk. When she's gone to-night I want, "Murder! I'd sooner marry a wild cat. you to do some funny business with the lock and ransack the desk for the and may be I'll consent, but not for less. Muriel Stange? Ugh!" "She is better than a term in Sing

> Sing," said Clayton gently. "Eh? I'm not so sure of that. have to think it over. What's the idea? Why are you taking all this interest in my marrying? I used to think it was you that was stuck on the Stange girl. Is it a case of getting tired of her and

> trying to palm her off on me?" "No," replied Clayton; "I'm not tire of her for I never cared for her. She caught me in a piece of crooked business with one of the estates we Maye charge of. To keep her mouth shut I promised to marry her. That's all there

fallen in love with Hilda Gilchrist and with her possible fortune-and Muriel threatens to make trouble. If she is married to you you can keep her mouth shut. She's a nice enough girl in her you in any way." way and a good looker. It's \$1,000 in your pocket and a raise of pay here at the office. Think it over."

"But how about getting her consent It's just possible she may not be sensible enough to see what a fine catch

"It can be arranged. Listen."
And he leaned forward whispering excitedly in the other's ear.
"Say," drawled Raynor, as Clayton leaned back, "you're a wonder, you are. Make it \$2,000 and a raise of pay and I'll

"You're on. Here's a check for \$1,000 in advance. The second thousand when

The Thief, Gripping His Chisel as a Weapon, Hilda Gilchrist was leaving the office that evening with Adele, with whom she lived, when at the elevator Jack Bruce intercepted her.

"Pardon me." he said to Adele, then, turning to Hilda, he went on in ill-suppressed eagerness:

may throw some light on that cipher. Have you time to hear about it now?" "Indeed I have!" cried Hilda,

"We'll have to go back to the sten ographers' room," said Jack, "becaus it's necessary to have a typewriter at hand on which to explain my theory.

May Manton's Hints.

Wardrobe for a Christmas Doll.

I'm sorry to meep you waking, but I think you'll find it worth while. Don't let me raise your hopes too high. What Cipher Mystery I have discovered is only a clue, and it may even be a false one at that. But it seems to me worth trying."

whatever way it turns out I thank

you with all my heart Mr. Bruce for all

for Solving Which \$500 in Prizes.

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that accompanied them and the and were whirled upward through had leaped into her eyes at sound of stood. his ardent words. A flush mantled her As they reached the doorway of this face and she turned away to hide it. last room, Hilds started back with a face and she turned away to hide it. "Here comes our elevator," she said, slight gasp. Bruce stepped quickly and the trouble you've taken and for your sympathy. Please believe that," said a soft thud to the ground floor and the brass gate slid back clicking.

The two stood aside to allow the "Please don't speak of it." he begged.
"It was no trouble, but a pleasure, And into the street, there to be swallowed no matter how hard it had been, it has been only joy to me to serve that surged up town along both sides of

Hackneyed as were his words, the Hilds and Bruce entered the elevator

heartfelt tones of his voice moved her skyscraper to the floor occupied by the strongly. After one glance into his spacious law offices of Clarks & Clarks earnest young face, her long dark ton. They walked through the deserted lashes covered the celltale secret that rooms toward that in which Hilda's desired

silently past her into the room to so the cause of herelarm. Hilda's desk was at the farther end o the apartment. By the dim light from a solitary gins jet, a man, chisel in hand could be seen leaning over the desk try ing to unscrew the padlock on one o its drawers.

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SEMPLE, easy cipher will be found in one of the twelve chapters of "The Girl in Blue." You are expected to solve that cipher and write the solution in the blank given below. The cipher in quarients first instalment, but is longer and appears in a later chapter. In other chapters besides that which contains the cipher hints as to its solution will be scattered. So it is necessary for the reader to follow the entire story.

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## Named To-Morrow.

Christmas Gifts that Can Be Made at Home. With Suggestions How to Make Them, by MME. JUDICE.

HE smallest outfit of baubles for quires the expenditure of a consts some bright pieces of silk, cambric, odds and ends of ribbon, artificial flowers, &c. Soft tissue paper in white and colors is always to be found in hat boxes, and perhaps there will be scraps of gold and silver paper and tinsel. None of these are to be despised. Before the work is commenced any morse of this order should be gotten together for the metamorphosis into Xmas tree

Bethlehem stars and crescents cut thing to make, are as effective at 50-cent trinkets when flaming amid the boughs. Nuts gilded or painted and suspended by colored twine add another dashing note. Every one knows how to roll a sheet of Roll about six large sheets of paper and glue each horn in position. With water colors and a camel's hair brush boses, violets, &c., to top off.

bree trimmings and easy to make. For should not cost a penny and the children these take any clean pieces of white will find it as radiant as the expensive paper and cut in fragments a fraction shrub whose decorations a \$20 bill would of an inch in diameter. Cut fine white not cover. tissue paper, about a half-dozen pieces six inches square. Put a handful of "snow" in each, draw the ends of Dear Mme. Judice: the paper together to form a round ball and tie with gay worsteds or bits of little souvenir as a gift for a girl friend ribbon. On Christmas the children of mine, something for her room that should be allowed to strike these balls is novel and pretty. A READER. break the tissue paper sant bring the snow showering down estremes stormy winter heavens. warlan ed at white

Cranberries stump-consistent thread and swume from single to the breaks a showy trimming it-Popeorn distwhite and sue paper, shredded with scissors and massed together, gives a pretty touch scattered over the tipmes of squips

batting, pulled apart and stuck here and
there, is most effective had easy,

An aminitude of pretty trifles eith Se
system batter of silk and cill-dhoord,
attentioned silps in all sill, crowing,
status breaking, feologies, allepers,
stockings silps on all armoral sileds,
grade is not strong on drawing, these
may be out from magazines, reproduced. may be cut from magazines, reproduced in pasteboard and covered with satin,

painted are worth thinking about and turn-over collars that it is quite a red apple, or an appear will make a successive they should have a recept the red appear of the collars and the

MME. JUDICE will give advice on the dedires the expenditure of a conliderable sum. Every home scrap-bas signing and making of Xmas novelties for around the bottom; stitch around the gifts. If you have bits of lace, velvet or odds and ends of any kind and do not know just how to utilize them, consult her and she will help

from cardboard and covered with gold old spools can all be gilded or painted is used for the lining. or silver paper, although the simplest and when thus treated form ideal orna-

Ornaments which can scarcely be called white candy tied about the centre with make a Christmas present? If so, please a cover and the bottom is lined with bright twine or ribbon, and, it would be tell me how and what to make. superfluous to state, are highly appreclated by the young folks. Bunches of raisins look odd but pretty. Peanuts holding handkerchiefs is made of threaded on long chains and having but a deep border of red, blue, yellow large splashes of gold on the shells will piece of cardboard eight inches in diam- to hold the waist in place and tie the and green around the opening. Loop a shine effectively among the green eter, cover this with cotton wadding box. A large bow on the top with the sord or scrap of ribbon across the open-branches. The peanuts should not be and plenty of sachet powder, and then initials is a pretty feature. This box ing and fill with candy or nuts. With roasted before they are strung or the with white silk on both sides. Cut two is certainly a comfort for the one best artificial flowers from the bonnet box, shells will split when threaded. Trim- widths of the silk eighteen inches long, waist, ow balls are extremely pretty as the entire tree need not, or rather

For a Girl Friend's Room.

Please suggest some kind of a dainty

daintiest little gifts imaginate.

A large bunch of violets is separated large bunch of wreath about a round purple velyet pin-cushion which has bee filled with hair and violet sachet. The long stems of the violets are tied together with purple velvet ribbon. The same design is equally pretty in pale plue, yellow or pink forget-me-nots to bed-room. This bouquet idea is very effective thrown carelessly on the dressing table.

For a Boarding-School Friend. Peer, Mme. Judice:

al heye a friend at boarding-school I

should like to make a little gift for. Please give me some idea of what to SCHOOLGIRL stik or gold paper. Eggshelle silded or opingispensable are the dainty little painted are worth shoulding about and turn-over collars that it is quite

and pasted on cardboard, cut to cor- red. Broad straps of ribbon placed over thing, so I can't buy a gift. Cun you respond. They can be hung from gay the lower portion of the case secure suggest something out of the ordinary cords or ribbons and will more than the collars in place and at the joining help to fill in. Pine cones, acorns and ribbon rosettes are placed. A plain sill ribbon rosettes are placed. A plain silk

A White China Silk Gift. I have a yard of white china silk left home-made consist of sticks of red and from a summer dress. Can I use it to swiss over blue or pink can be used as

A FRIEND.

hem with fancy stitching.

Dear Mme. Judice: I am very anxious to make some

thing for a friend of mine as a Christmas offering. She has almost every-

A SHIRT waist coffer will not go amiss and is something out of the ordinary as a Christmas offering. It is made from a rather flat broad cardboard box. Flowered cretonne, silk or dotted quilted satine containing the sachet pow-der. The corners of the box are made holding handkerchiefs is made of cardboard and tying ribbons through white China silk. Cut a round Ribbons are also arranged in the bottom

## Letters—Questions—Answers.

To the Editor of The Evening World: Where and how can I make applicaion for admittance to the schoolship St. R. J. H. A St. Louisan Testifies.

To the Editor of The Evening World: Concerning the discussion of "tipping." will say that as a St. Louisan on a visit here, with a view of locatin perma- Did Nat C. Goodwin and his wife, neatly, I find this pernicious habit of Maxine Elliott, play in "The Merchant grapting influences have reached every correct pronunciation of Welsh rarebit? was greatly impressed with what ap-peared to be the extreme conscientiousness of the walters, salespeople, guides. &c. In some instances their attentions and obeisance were downright embarrassing, so intense were they. How-ever, I soon learned they were belittling themselves and selling their American gumption for the possible chance of earning a measly 10-cent tip. They cannot even approach in cunning our ig-norant St. Louis boodlers, who were

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DAVID O'CONNOR. Yes.

be legally elected three times in suc No. Black Is the Absence of Color. To the Editor of The Evening World: Is black a color?

JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN. Yes. Pronounced "Rabbit." To the Editor of The Evening World: Did Nat C. Goodwin and his wife, 'tipping" a downright bugbear, as its of Venice" last season? What is the

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